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LCO No. 1913



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUILDING CODE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-252 of the 2014 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (a) As used in this subsection, "geotechnical" means any geological
5 condition, such as soil and subsurface soil condition, which may affect
6 the structural characteristics of a building or structure. The State
7 Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall,
8 jointly, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative
9 Services, adopt and administer a State Building Code based on a
10 nationally recognized model building code for the purpose of
11 regulating the design, construction and use of buildings or structures
12 to be erected and the alteration of buildings or structures already
13 erected and make such amendments thereto as they, from time to time,
14 deem necessary or desirable. Such amendments shall be limited to
15 administrative matters, geotechnical and weather-related portions of
16 said code, amendments to said code necessitated by a provision of the

17 general statutes and any other matter which, based on substantial
18 evidence, necessitates an amendment to said code. [The] Except as
19 provided in subsection (a) of section 29-256a, as amended by this act,
20 the code shall be revised not later than January 1, 2005, and annually
21 thereafter, [as deemed necessary] to incorporate any subsequent
22 revisions to the code not later than [eighteen] twelve months following
23 the date of first publication of such subsequent revisions to the code.
24 The purpose of said Building Code shall also include, but not be
25 limited to, promoting and ensuring that such buildings and structures
26 are designed and constructed in such a manner as to conserve energy
27 and, wherever practicable, facilitate the use of renewable energy
28 resources, including provisions for electric circuits capable of
29 supporting electric vehicle charging in any newly constructed
30 residential garage in any code adopted after July 8, 2013. Said Building
31 Code includes any code, rule or regulation incorporated therein by
32 reference.

33 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 29-256a of the general statutes is
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
35 *1, 2015*):

36 (a) [The] (1) On or before January 1, 2015, the State Building
37 Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall revise the
38 State Building Code to require that commercial and residential
39 buildings and building elements be designed to provide optimum cost-
40 effective energy efficiency over the useful life of the building and to
41 incorporate the [2012] 2015 International Energy Conservation Code. [,
42 not later than eighteen months after the publication of said code.]

43 (2) On or before January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the State
44 Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall
45 revise the State Building Code to incorporate (A) any subsequent
46 revisions to the International Energy Conservation Code, or (B) the
47 Home Energy Rating System score recommended by the
48 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection on the rating

49 system established by the Residential Energy Services Network,
50 whichever is more stringent.

51 (3) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to impose
52 any new requirement for any renovation or construction of a state
53 building that is subject to the requirements of section 16a-38k,
54 regardless of whether such building has been granted an exemption
55 under said section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	29-252(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	29-256a(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To require the State Building Code to incorporate the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]